

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MPOL, SF, WA, AO  
SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN AIRBORNE ATTACK ON ANGOLA

1. SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE CONFIRMED TONIGHT (MAY 4)  
"A LIMITED MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST SWAPO FORCES HAS BEEN  
CARRIED OUT OVER THE BORDER." MINISTER'S STATEMENT GAVE NO  
DETAILS, BUT MEDIA HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO PUBLISH ANGOLA  
NEWS AGENCY AND REUTERS REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN AIRBORNE  
ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST CACINGA (OR CASSINGA), APPARENTLY  
IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF SA DA BANDIERA, COMMENCING AT 0600  
TODAY.
2. DEFENSE MINISTER'S STATEMENT AND WHAT WE KNOW OF MEDIA  
REPORTS AT THIS TIME FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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## Message Attributes

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